

*O the largeness of thy Goodness that I feel. O Lord, bear my Cries,  
and bare up my Head in all my Exercises.*

*O thy sweet Presence and fresh Springs of Life that I feel, Glory and  
Honour, and Praises be unto thy Name forever.*

*Blessed Lord, a Weak Man, but in thy Power do I receive Strength,  
thy Presence and Love I feel, Blessed and Praised be thy Holy Name.*

*O Lord help me and keep me close to thy Power.*

*O Lord attend my dear Wife with thy Presence.*

*Some more Words that he spoke at another time.*

*O thou mighty Jehovah, before whom all Nations are but as a drop of  
a Bucket, and as the small dust of the Ballance; thou who weightest the  
Mountains in Scales, and the Hills as in a Ballance; Mighty art thou in  
Power, but the World will not believe in thee, nor in thy Son Christ Jesus,  
that they may be Saved; and much more to his purpose that was  
not taken.*

*O my dear Uncle, the great loss I have of thee hath cost me  
many a Tear, but our Loss is thy Gain, who was Faithful unto  
the Death, and hast obtained a Crown of Life, and an entrance  
into that Inheritance that shall never fade away, where thy Rest is  
sure with the Lord forever, in which I am well satisfied.*

*John Drewet.*

*Theophila Townsend's Testimony concerning the Life,  
Death and Sufferings of Amariah Drewet lately  
Deceased.*

**H**E was an Innocent Upright Man, one that bore a good and  
faithful Testimony for the Lord in his Day and Time, both  
in Doing and Suffering, and finished his Testimony with Joy, as  
through the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord I was made a Li-  
ving Witness; having a Living Sence upon my Spirit of the Living  
Presence of the Lord, that did accompany him in the time of his  
Sickness, it often tendered his Heart, and refreshed his Soul, that  
in the sence of Gods Love, and in the rising of Divine Life his  
Mouth was often opened to those that came to visit him, and also  
to

to them that were about him of his own Family and Relations, in good Advice and tender Counsel to them to be Faithful to the Lord, and to abide in his pure Fear, that they might have Peace when they come to a Dying Bed; as said he, *Through the Goodness of the Lord I can say, I have true Peace with God, and if I Dye I am well satisfied it will be well with me, and it will be a happy Change for me; Blessed and Praised be the worthy Name of the Lord, whose goodness to me hath been beyond Expression, now in the time of my Weakness;* and then he broke forth into singing high Praises to the Name of the Lord, and sweetly sounding forth Holy Renown and Living Thanks to the Living God, for his Goodness, and Mercies, and Blessings, to the great Comfort of those that were in the hearing of it; this and much more to the same effect was spoken by him in the time of his Sickness, something more of it may be mentioned in order, as way opens for it; and first shall I pake a little more of his Life and Sufferings; he was Open-hearted, Kind, Courteous and Tender, his Heart and House was open to receive the Lords Messengers and Ministers that travilled in his Work and Service, and he desired much to have them with him, and entertained them with Cheerfulness: He was a Man attended with great Sufferings in this last Persecution, which was very Hot and Violent, here in this Town of *Cirencester*, in the County of *Gloucester*, the place of his abode; but he stood in his Testimony stedfast, and was bold for the holy Truth, notwithstanding all the Rage and Fury of our Persecutors, which was great against us for several Years, of which he had his share both by Imprisonment and loss of Goods; he had his Doors Broke, and his Goods Seized several times, till they had Seized all that was in the House, and the Officers returned answer unto the Justice, that there was nothing to be had; but he bore all with Patience, and kept constantly to Meetings, and when the Meeting-House-Doors were Nailed up, and Friends kept out and met in the Yard he was not slack in coming to Assemble with them, and sometimes kept Meetings in his House, though the Justices frequently in their own Persons did visit our Meetings several Years together: But blessed be the Lord whose Power and Presence was with us and whose powerful Arm did uphold us, and keep us out of the Fear of Man, which was my Cry to the Lord, that in his pure Fear we might



might be preserved unto the end, and Gods Power was over all; Blessed and Praised be his worthy Name forever and for evermore; who is not wanting to his Faithful People, but is their exceeding great Reward; who hath Rewarded this our dear Friend, and deceased Brother, with a Blessing of Rest and Peace, in that Kingdom that never has End, and hath received him into the Bosom of his Love, where he shall solice his Soul forever and forever.

This Innocent Man, who had been a great Sufferer by them several ways, too much here to mention; he bore it all with Patience, and constantly frequented the Meetings of the Lords People called *Quakers*, where he was a Strength to the Weak, encouraging them to Faithfulness.

We may see a difference between the Death of the Righteous and the Death of the Wicked, for this Innocent Man *A. D.* before mentioned, upon his Dying-Bed often signified, *That he was satisfied, that if he Dyed, it would be well with him, and it would be a happy Change for him;* Blessed be the Name of the Lord over all forever, who is never wanting to his faithful People.

The Sufferings which *A. D.* underwent did not startle him, but with Boldness and holy Confidence he bore his Testimony for the Truth, and against his Persecutors unchristian Proceedings which was contrary to the Doctrine of Christ, who said, *Whatsoever ye would that Men should do unto you, do you the same to them:* And he often advised them to cease from Persecution, and so eased his Spirit in clearing himself of them, and left it at their Doors, and left the Issue to the Lord, who hath taken him out of the reach of all his Enemies, and received him into that Rest which is Glorious, where he shall solice his Soul in the Bosom of Divine Sweetness, Endless Blessedness, and Tryumph in Heavenly Glory forever and forever, of which he had a living sense and feeling in his Life time, Magnified forever be the worthy Name of the Lord, for his Goodness to his People, for he is an exceeding great Reward to them that Fear before him, and put their Trust in him; *for the Righteous shall shine as the Stars forever and ever, and their Memorial is Blessed; but the Name of the Wicked shall Rot, and they shall Perish forever, like their own Dung, as the Scriptures say;* and though many Men perceive not the difference between the

Death of the Righteous and of the Wicked, because both go down to the Grave in like manner: It hath pleased God of his Mercy and Goodness to let us see a difference, as is apparent by this our dear Brother A. D. whose Dying-Bed was made comfortable to him, through the Comfort of Gods Love, in and through Christ Jesus to his Soul, as the Scripture saith, *The Righteous shall Sing for Joy of Heart, when the Wicked shall Howl for Vexation of Spirit*; so in this Life the difference between the Death of the Righteous and the Wicked, the Joy and Comfort of the one, and the Sorrow and Misery of the other; for the Righteous know and are assured, that before they put off this House of Clay, that they have a Habitation not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens, and their Peace is sure with the Lord God, through the Son of of his Love, and that for evermore, as this faithful Servant of the Lord, before mentioned, often gave Testimony of in the time of his Sickness, of the assurance of his Peace with God, whose living Presence did accompany him to his End; as long as he could speak he made mention of it, saying, *Often the Lords sweet Presence is with me beyond my expectation*. When I came first to see him, he said, *He was freely given up in the will of God, whether to Live or Dye*, and said, *if the Lord see it good to take me, it will be well with me, and it will be a happy Change for me*; and he was so filled with the Joy of Gods Salvation, that he sung for Joy of Heart, and Praised the Lord as with an heavenly Harp, as one of them that stood before the Throne of God and the Lamb, having the Harps of God in their Hands, and they Sung a new Song before the Throne, that none could learn but those that were Redeemed from the Earth: My Soul was Refreshed to see and feel the heavenly frame of Spirit that he was in all along upon his Dying-Bed: Another time, when I came to visit him, he took me by the Hand, and said, *Thou hast been a Faithful Friend, and a Help to me in the Truth all along, and I have had a tender esteem for thee, and all honest-hearted faithful Friends, and that which I chiefly and most desired, ever since I knew the blessed Truth of God, was, that the Lord would preserve me faithful to himself and his holy Truth unto the End, and I bless his Name, he hath been very good to me all along, that nothing did discourage me in the time of Sufferings to weaken me, but rather as Sufferings increased, I was stronger, and was freely given up according to*



my weak Capacity, to answer the Lord, and do that which I understood was right in his sight; I could never speak much, but desired to live to what I knew, and the Lord hath accepted of it, Praises to his Name; and I can truly say, that the only thing I aimed at, in desiring this my dear Wife, was that she might be helpful to me in the Truth, and the Lord did make her a help to me, I Bless and Praise his holy Name, for his goodness to me on every account: I said to him, I am perswaded if the Lord see it best to spare thee, and that it would make most for Gods Glory, and thy Good, the Lord will raise thee up again, he said, I believe the same: And when his Relations put him upon it to send to some Phyitian, he answered no, for I have that which is known to be good, and approved Medicines, and if these will not do me good, I do not expect help from Man; for if the Lord see good to take me to himself, all the Men upon the Earth cannot keep me alive, so I am given up in the will of the Lord: He was gently visited with a Fear, not Violent, nor complaining much of Pain nor Dryth, but Weakness; so he said to me when I came to visit him, I asked him how he did, he said, Weak in Body, but Strong in the Lord, Weak in the outward Man, but Strong in the inward, Blessed and Praised be the Holy Name of the Lord forever: And when he Slumbred, as soon as he awaked, his Mouth was opened with a Song of high Praises to the Lord, and when the People came in to visit him, he had a Word in season for them, warning young People to fear God, and watch against those things that did Corrupt Youth, exhorting them to Faithfulness, that it might be well with them upon a Dying-Bed, as it is with me, said he, Praises to the Lord forever.

I was with him when he Departed, and I can truly say, the Lord gave me a sence of his Condition, and I travelled with him under the Pangs of Death, in a fellow-feeling of the Exercise he was in, and when Death touched his Heart, I bore a part with him, in a sympathising Spirit, and travelled in Spirit with him before the Lord for his Deliverance; and when Death was upon his Body, I felt the Resurrection of the Life of Jesus with his Soul, ready to receive him into that Heavenly Mansion of Glory, and Habitation of Rest and Peace with the Lord, which the Lord hath prepared for his People, which he had the earnest of in his Life time, even the earnest of the Spirit, that sealed to him the assurance of that Inheritance that shall never fade away, into which

he is entered and gathered, into that fulness that is Incomprehensible, which God the Father, in and through Christ Jesus the Lord, had prepared for him, where Heavenly Joy and Gladness, and Divine Comfort, and Lasting Peace is and will be his Portion for evermore.

He departed this Life the 25th day of the 7th Month 1687. about the 6th Hour in the Evening, he lay for about half an hour as if he had been in a sweet Sleep, and went away quietly, like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan; his dear Wife and Family have a great Loss in parting with him, and I may say, we all miss him, and I can say, my Heart hath been often tendered and broken into Tears of Sorrow for the loss of him, but mixt with Joy in a sense of his happy State; but in submission to the Will of God, I am well satisfied the Lord best knows when it is the fittest season to take his own unto himself; and for this our dear Friend, he is now in a Habitation of Safety, out of all danger of falling into Temptation, or of being hurt by any of the Wiles of the Enemy, and the desire of my Soul is, that all that know the Truth may walk in the same way, and travel in the Just Mans Path, as he did, that they may arrive at the same Haven of Rest and Peace with him, and all the Sanctified in Christ Jesus, in the Kingdom of God, World without End, *Amen.*

He was Buried the 27th Day of the 7th Month, and was accompanied to the Grave, with many good Friends, and the Power and Presence of the Lord was with us, and that Life that was with him, to his joy, upon his Dying-Bed, Spake forth the Praise & Goodness of the Lord at his Burial, though his Brethren the Servants of the Lord, that did accompany him to his Grave: this was upon me to Publish for the Good and Benefit of those that are left behind; even of all tender People to whom this may come, that they may so Live, and so Walk, that they may be made Partakers of the same joy, which is obtained through Faith in Christ Jesus, and obedient to the Light of his free Spirit who is the leader of his People; and this lead him, our dear Friend before mentioned, out of Sin into the way of Peace, this is the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, that which Christ Jesus promised his Disciples to send, to Lead them into all Truth, and further said, as the Scripture testifies, *That he shall Convince the World*



*World of Sin, of Righteousness, and of Judgment, and it is the same that Convinces of Sin, that leads out of Sin, and gives Victory over Sin to all that believe in it, and are willing to deny themselves and take up their daily Cross, and follow him; they come to know the assurance of Peace & Rest with the Lord before they go out of the Body, so the thoughts of Death is not terrible to such, as it is to the Wicked, for Death is the King of Terrors to the Wicked, because the way of Truth they have not known. For there is no Peace to the Wicked, saith the God of the Righteous, and they are made Witnesses of it through faith in Christ Jesus: who are subject, to his Light and Grace in their own Heart and Consciences; but wo to the Wicked, it will go ill with them; they shall Eat the Fruits of their own doings, and go down to their Graves in Sorow, if they do not Repent of their Wickedness, and turn from the Evil of their Doings, and obey the Light of the Son of God, that they may be led out of Darkness, into his marvellous Light, and by it be turned from the Power of Satan to the great power of God, that they may know the good word of Life that is quick and Powerful, as Sharp and Sharper then any two Edged Sword, that divides asunder even Soul and Spirit, and between Bones and Marrow, that Ingrafted Word of God (that is able to save the Soul) Christ Jesus the Word of God, the Light of the World, as he said of himself: and again he said, *He that believes in me shall not abide in Darkness: and the Scripture further testifies; that in him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men; so the Life of Jesus is the Light of men; so I would advise all to take heed how they Slight the Light, both Professors and Prophain, or how you Villifie the Light, and say, It is Insufficient to Lead to Life and Peace; for in so doing you Slight and Villifie the Life of Jesus, and the Grace of God that brings Salvation, which the Scriptures saith Hath appeared to all men, and teacheth to deny ungodliness and Worldly Lust, and to Live Godly, and Righteously, and Soberly in this present Evil World; therefore in the Love of God I intreat you both Professors and Prophain Love the Light, and the Grace and Truth that comes by Jesus Christ, who is Gods Salvation to the ends of the Earth, and there is no other Name Given**

under Heaven by which any can be Saved, but by the Name of Jesus, the true Light that Lighteth Every man that comes into the World, as the Scriptures saith, *That God is Light, and in him is no Darknes at all*, and this was the Message the holy Apostle had to deliver, and this was the Work that he had to do, *To turn People from Darknes to Light, and from the Power of Satan to the Power of God*; so here People may see the Scriptures do declare, that God is Light, and Christ is Light, and they that slight this Heavenly Divine Light, slight both God and Christ Jesus, and so are liable to Perish in their Gain-saying and Rebellion against the Light, and never be made Pertakers of Gods Salvation; therefore I intreat all People, that have any tendernefs towards the Lord, or any true Regard to the welfare of their own Souls, both Professors and Prophain, Neighbours, Kindred and Acquaintance, Love the Light that convinces of Sin, and reprovcs in secret for every evil Deed, and believe in it, that you may be saved from the Power of the Destroyer by it; the same that Convinces of Sin Leads out of Sin, and gives Victory over Sin, and brings into Everlasting Peace with God the Father, in and through his Son Christ Jesus; and I testifie in the holy Fear of the Lord, and in the tender Love of God, that opens in my Heart and Soul unto the Children of Men, that there is no other way to Salvation; for in Christ, the Light, is the universal Love of God held forth to all People; for he delights not in the death of a Sinner, but would have all to come to the knowledg of the Truth and be saved, who is calling his People out of *Babylon*, out of Confusion, *Come out of her my People, and touch no unclean thing, and I will Receive you, be not pertakers of her Sins, lest you are pertakers of her Plagues*. So I intreat you, for the Lords sake, and for the good of your own Souls, draw near to the Lord, and he will draw near unto you, seek him while he is to be found; and call upon him while he is near, for he is not far off from Every one of you, that your Peace may be sure with the Lord for evermore; which is the true desire of my Soul for you all, who am your Friend (and one that Travels for the Prosperity of *Sion*) known by the Name of

*Theophila Townsend.*

*Charles*